

Flora Batson December 3.

THE ORIENTAL AMERICA.

JOHN W. ISHAM MAKES A GREAT HIT—THE RACE'S BENEFACITOR—A NEW PROGRAM PRESENTED.

The Academy presented a brilliant appearance on last Monday night and indeed the entire week has been an attractive one at this popular musical resort. If Mr. Isham never does anything else for Afro Americans, he certainly has struck upon a method to convince the American people that there is superior ability in Afro Americans. This show is high class in every respect and the participants lack nothing to show that they know their business. Mr. Isham has added new acts and songs; indeed, he has given almost a new program. Billie Eldridge is today one of the greatest comedians on the stage. Tom Brown who was formerly with the Octoroons has been transferred to the Orientals. He is a high class comedian.

Among those who deserve special mention are Miss Alice Mackey, who



BILLIE ELDRIDGE.

is no doubt one of the liveliest actresses in the troupe. She never falters and every part in which she participates, her lines are well read, her words are well articulated and her acting is natural and perfect.

Mrs. Jennie Eldridge presents a most brilliant appearance on the stage. She is sweet and pleasant and her wardrobe is as fashionable as it is changeable.

The members of the Manhattan Sports and the Twentieth Century Girls are particularly fine. Miss Ida Ennis, the Meredith sisters are sweet and pleasing young ladies. High born colored ladies, Misses Meredith and Mackay. Messrs. Eldridge, Shipp and Johnson made a great hit. Miss Belle Davis was called to the stage three times on Monday night. There is no comedian on the American stage more popular than Tom Brown. His imitation of Li Hung Chang was one of the greatest hits on the new program. Billie Eldridge, the secretary and interpreter of Li Hung Chang is enough to make a dying man come to life. Li wants to know whether the proprietor of Waldorf is married. After he has been told yes, he requests his interpreter to ask the proprietor if his wife is married. The questions that Li asks are too funny to repeat. Miss Mattie Wilkes was beautifully dressed in a pink gown on Monday night as the



MADAME JEANNETTE ELDRIDGE.

wife of the proprietor of Waldorf presented a most brilliant spectacle.

Miss Margaret Scott, in a select repertoire of musical gems has a sweet voice. She is a great acquisition to the company.

Messrs. Jessie Shipp and Edward Winn are two of the most refined comedians on the stage. Mr. Winn was sick on last Tuesday night and could not appear. Miss Mattie Wilkes has surpassed herself on this return

engagement. Her rendition of the "Last Rose of Summer" was the best ever heard in this city.

Billie Eldridge was called before the footlights three times Monday and Tuesday nights. He is the drawing card.

Mr. Sidney Woodward is a genius in good opera. His make-up is faultless. Madame Dessario Plato as well as Miss Margaret Scott are high class artists.

Miss Bell Davis, one of the central figures in this troupe presents one of the picturesque figures of any lady on the stage in the March "Oriental Hussars."

There is no doubt but that Mr. Isham has one of the best shows on the American stage. He is entitled to all the praise that can be bestowed, and, if the American people and especially the people of Washington want to hear good singing and see fine acting they should not miss the "Oriental American."

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Lovers of good fiction will be interested in the October number of *Demorest's Magazine*. In addition to a delightful installment of Robert Louis Stevenson's last novel, it contains a strong story by Gilbert Parker, "The Lone Corvette," which is one of the best he has written.

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SECRET ORDERS.

DUAL MASONIC GRAND BODIES IN D. C. BY D. F. SEVILLE.

In conclusion, if it was legal for the Grand Commandery of K. T., District of Columbia, of which Sir L. H. Wayne, 32°, is the present R. E. G. C. to issue a charter to a Consistory of 32° Masons, to work as a Commandery of K. T. in the State of Georgia. (Said Consistory created by a deputy from the Baltimore Supreme Council, 33°) and the Grand Commandery of K. T., of New York, (white) to emanate from a 32° department, why it was and is legal for the Royal Arch and K. T. Masons to be created; furthermore, if it was legal for Companion Joseph Myers to introduce Capitular, or Royal Arch Masonry in the State of Virginia, under the authority of a Deputy Inspector-General of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Why is it legal for the Grand Commandery, the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Rite Masons to exist? In September, 1874, the Ill. John N. Dorster, 33°, Deputy, Valley of District of Columbia, suspended the entire Rite in the District of Columbia. In his letter to one of the officials, he says: Sir, my reasons for issuing the above edict, are as follows: The A. A. S. R., in the Valley of District of Columbia, is at a low mark and at the bottom of Masonry in the District of Columbia. I have tried in every way since I have been the Deputy, to bring them together and have failed every time. Now this suspension was my last resort, when everything else failed. After said suspension, two of Mr. Jackson's lieutenants spoke to me about writing to Philadelphia, to see if we could not get the Northern Supreme Council to make new bodies here. I went to Philadelphia on some private business and while there spoke to the Ill. G. W. Roper, 33°, P. S. G. C., on the subject. He stated that in view of the agreement made between his Council and the one at Washington; that he was unable to do anything, for that reason and thus you can see that there was something wrong with the Rite. Before the election of October, 1895, A. D. 2d. You can see why it was necessary to make a change in the heads. Now the grand question presents themselves, as follows: What was the trouble? Now you all know, what it was without me telling you. I could write a book on the subject, but I am now busy in making men in new bodies, which I am proud to say, are not shaky, but here to stay; in conclusion, go slow, because I have in recently some specially prepared dynamite, which if I explode the same some one will feel bad; follow the advice I gave on the jump. Stop knifing, do away with the monkey business and niggerism, which is contrary to the principles of Masonry, and you will then successfully accomplish the objects. Remember that no office was created for men to remain in for life. More at some future period.

OBSEQUIES.

Rev. and Sir Knight, Moses Wilcox, of Camden, New Jersey. Deceased was an eminent Divine and craftsman. He was 74 years old. He was a P. G. M., P. G. H. P. and P. R. E. G. C. and prominent member of the Love and Charity. He was Pastor of the Seventh Baptist Church of Camden for 24 years and much respected. Buried recently.

Brother Ke ley Fretwell, of Indianapolis, Ind., was buried. Deceased was a prominent member of the G. U. O. O. F. and had carrier. He leaves a family. Buried recently.

Brother George Froncell, of Fort Worth, Texas, was buried recently. He belonged to Fort Worth Lodge, No. 2144, Three Links. He was the oldest barber in the city. Much respected.

November 20, Sir W. H. Stevens, V. G. C. of K. of P., District of Columbia. Deceased was a member of Mt. Calvary Lodge, No. 1, P. W. C. of Hermitage Court, Treasurer of H. H. Garrison Division, No. 1, U. R. He was buried from St. Luke's P. E. Church. Requiescat in pace.

HOT SHOT.

Colonel W. H. Lester, 33°, has been appointed Deputy of A. A. S. R., Royal and Selected Master and Mystic Shrine for Massachusetts, Connecticut, Tennessee and Alabama.

At the entertainment given the other evening by Joppa Lodge, No. 4, Ancient York Rite Masons, several sisters of the Eastern Star (white) paid a visit. They enjoyed themselves much, and were pleased with the entertainment.

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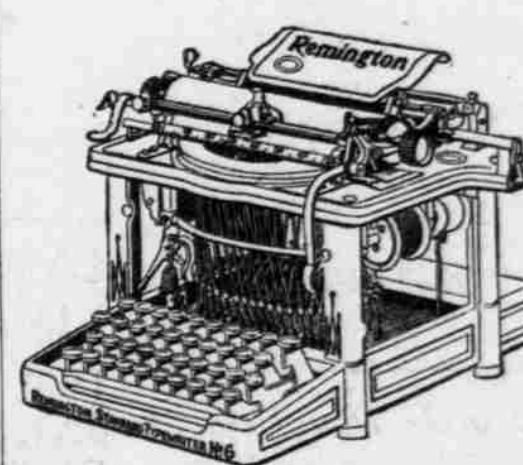
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